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FAIR PLAY HAS RALLY HERE

'Castro's No Combie, He's Just a Marxist'

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Fidel Castro's defiant revelation that he has been a communist all along, hasn't slowed the activities of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

This is the organization formed in April, 1961, and dedicated to the proposition that Castro was only an honest revolutionary persecuted by U. S. big business interests.

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Thru newspaper advertisements and membership solicitations the committee defended Castro as a liberator who sought justice for oppressed Cubans.

It denied Castro was communist-linked, denied he suppressed human rights, denied he confiscated property, denied he bargained with the Soviets for munitions.

Altho Senate investigators reported that the committee was "one of the main outlets in this country for pro-Castro and pro-communist propaganda," the committee continues to spread its message and solicit new members.

A new chapter was formed in Washington in September. It met here Friday night to hear David Dellinger, a Glen Gardner, N. J., printer.

Last April 30, Mr. Dellinger led a group who picketed the Central Intelligence Agency in protest of the April 17 "invasion."

He was sentenced to 10 days in jail for that.

In his Friday speech, Mr. Dellinger told some 50 persons at Washington Fellowship House there is danger

the U. S. may start a war against Cuba and that the U. S. is still hiring and training counter-revolutionaries.

He said Chester Bowles was "demoted" and Adlai Stevenson will soon lose his job as Ambassador to the UN because "they opposed the Cuba invasion."

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Listeners nodded and murmured "hear, hear."

One listener asked what effect Castro's speech (that he kept his Redlink hidden) had on the work of the Fair Play committee.

"Fidel didn't say he was a communist," Mr. Dellinger replied. "He said he was a Marxist-Leninist. You're trying to make him out a communist at the absolute worst, plus a liar at the same time."

"It's not true that he was a communist as early as 1953 because at that time the Cuban Communist Party thought of him only as a bourgeois romantic. Would he have taken the chance of destroying his own movement by announcing then he was a communist?"

Keith Kern, who arranged the meeting, said the Fair Play committee has "10 or 20" members in Washington and about 400 names on its mailing list.

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